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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

§ Attorney Docket No. AUS920000227US1 In re Application of: ROESNER ET AL. *∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞ ∞* Examiner: THOMAS H. STEVENS Serial No.: 09/751,803 Filed: 12/29/2000 Art Unit: 2123 For: SIGNAL OVERRIDE FOR SIMULATION MODELS

REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Applicants in the above-entitled U.S. Patent Application, by and through their attorney of record, respectfully request an interview with the Examiner to discuss this case. Applicants' representative, Matthew Baca, will be available for such telephone interview at the Examiner's convenience. Matthew Baca's contact information: telephone: (512) 343-6116; fax: (512) 343-6446; e-mail: baca@dillonyudell.com.

Agenda:

Applicants request a discussion of the following items:

- 1. Regarding the rejections of independent claims 1, whether the combination of Wu et al., Improv Systems Inc. and U.S. Pat. No. 6,223,142, issued to Bargh et al., disclose or render obvious a method for overriding a simulated signal within an HDL simulation model that includes instantiating an instrumentation entity having input and output port mapping fields.
 - 2. Regarding the rejections of dependent claims 2 and 13:
 - (1) whether the currently stated grounds of rejection adequately cover the subject matter incorporated by claim 2 (claim 2 incorporates the limitations of claim 13 as well as claim 1); and
 - (2) whether the combination of references disclose a method for overriding a simulated signal within an HDL model that includes a step of "generating signal selection means within said simulation model for selectively overriding said designated signal with said override signal responsive to said post-compiler instrumentation load tool processing said port mapping fields" and "wherein said output port mapping field further comprises a control port field specifying an output port for delivering an override enable signal to said signal selection means."

Respectfully-submitted,

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